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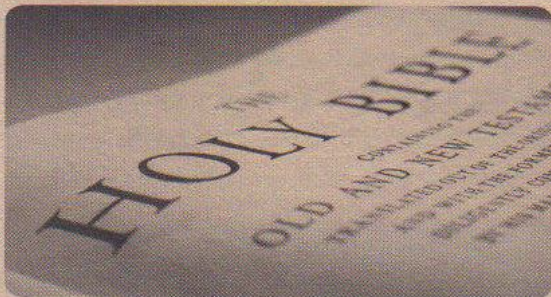


Becky McClure At VBS in Nebraska

What's your greatest Prize?

We didn't have enough "grand" prizes to hand out the last day of Bible Club. Joseph was supposed to have won, but came to club on Friday and did not say his memory verse. Without his memory verse Joseph would now tie in points with Leo and Enrique. What were we going to do?

This particular day, I (Rachel) had only planned on one grand prize winner and had only brought one grand prize. Thinking quickly, I gave the cd to Joseph and gave new Bibles to Leo and Enrique as their grand prize. In the twelve years I have been teaching Vacation Bible Schools, I do not think I have ever seen two boys as excited about receiving their Bibles as these two were.



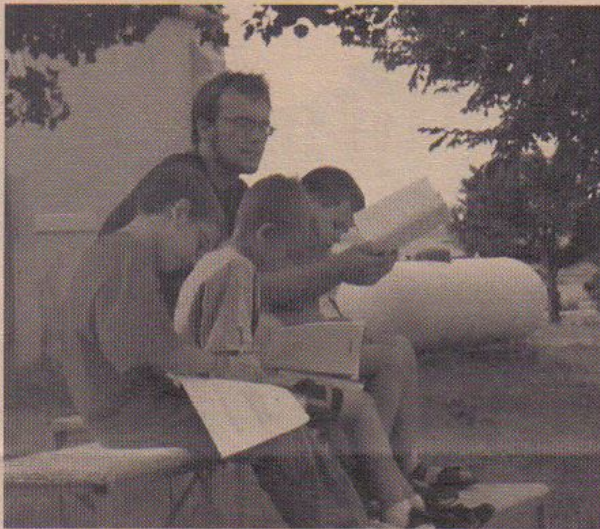
This Vacation Bible School was held in the little community of Lochbuie, CO. There is no church in Lochbuie. When we went around and visited homes inviting them to come to our Vacation Bible School there in the park, doubts of whether or not we would have any kids entered my mind. Our first day though, 7 kids came (a half hour early.) By the end of the week we had 22 kids registered, with an average attendance of 13. Leo and Enrique (best friends) came every day. During the week they came to accept Christ as their Savior.

When I handed them their Bibles, their eyes lit up and they said how cool it was that they had their own Bibles. I went over how to look up things, explained again the Books of the Bible, what the large and small numbers were. I showed them where to look up all the memory verses in the book of John and wrote all the references down for them in the front of the Bible. They took their Bibles and headed home.

As the team was packing all of our gear back into the car the two boys came back. They asked if Sunday School Charlie (our missionary story) was in the Bible. I told them no, but the other stories we had learned that week were. They asked me if I would write down where to look those stories up so they could read them for themselves.

Leo and Enrique reminded me that day how something I take for granted, the Bible, really is the greatest prize of all.

Lochbuie is just one example of the many Vacation Bible Schools we oversaw this summer. We had nine teams on our field leading Vacation Bible Schools. These teams came from Arizona, Indiana, and our Impact teams out of NE Colorado. We held 22 Vacation Bible Schools around NE Colorado in a two week period. We were able to open 11 new ministry points on our field. We had 268 kids in attendance, and 47 kids came to know Christ as their personal Savior. Praise the Lord!



How Legacies are made....

Jesse Williams (one of our summer missionaries- newsletter included) accepted Christ at Homestead Bible Camp when he was eight years old. The speaker was Lloyd Spears, an evangelist, who consequently was also the speaker who was instrumental in Curtis' life. After Lloyd spoke, Jesse knew he wanted to ask Jesus into his life as his Savior. His dorm leader happened to be Curtis. Curtis sat the young boy down in the dining room and asked him what he was going to do about the message he had just heard. Jesse ended up receiving Christ that day. Jesse went home to New Mexico and decided to follow through on Curtis' last words to him which were, "Now, you have to go and tell others." Jesse found his best friend

and asked, "So, do you know Jesus?"

"Yep"

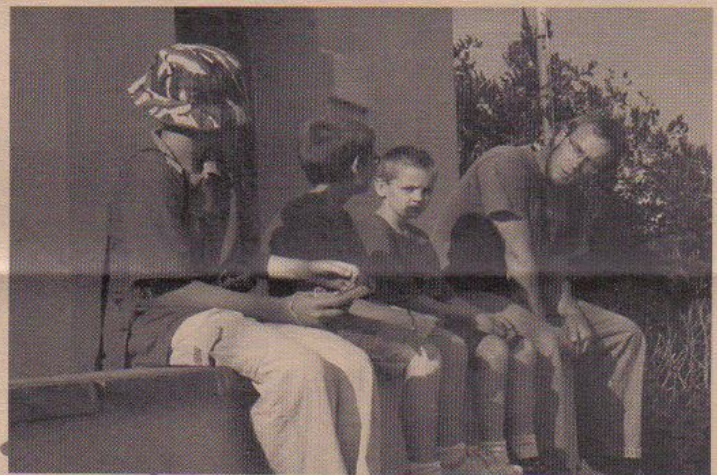
"Cool".

Maybe not exactly the next Billy Graham but for eight years of age it was a start.

Fast forward 12 years and Jesse is now 20 years old and working as a summer missionary with us. How neat to see how Homestead Bible Camp had such an impact on a young boy who is now making an impact in other young boys' lives at camp. Isn't that what being a Christian is all about? Taking what we possess and what we have learned and investing into other people's lives. Legacies are built that way. Jesse is now looking into the possibility of working with American Missionary Fellowship on a part time basis in the future. Be praying for him and our other staff as they figure out where God wants them in the future.

This summer God really moved at Homestead Bible Camp. Our speakers presented God's truth on how to live a legacy. We wondered what our speakers would come up with when we made this our theme and we were wonderfully surprised. We saw seven new brothers and sisters come to a saving knowledge of Christ this summer, and many more than that made life changing decisions. Through the 6 weeks of camp we had over 90 youth come and over 60 parents and other family members joined us to eat dinner and listen to chapel.

Our speaker during the first two Senior High weeks, Jeff Shackelford, summed up our theme very well with this statement, "Legends are pasts that don't have to be true, but a legacy is the truth that we leave behind for our future." Homestead Bible Camp seems to be leaving a legacy in the lives of young people. We pray that legacy will continue to live on and be carried to the next generations.



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